

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph that bridges page 14-15, as follows:

The procedure for processing the user registration will be described in detail. FIG. 10 is a flowchart showing the operation flow taken when a recipient 1003 makes user's registration (step 1010). First, the recipient who desires the registration writes in necessary items on a user registration form (FIG. 3) by using an digital pen (step 1011). In this case, other forms than the form of paper and pen used as in FIG. 3 in this step may be used as, for example, a method of making an entry of necessary items on Web browser. However, the use of digital pen and paper shown in FIG. 3 will produce advantages of (1) automatic registration of information written by digital pen, (2) bulk registration of name, address and signature written in user's own hand, and (3) registration only by using the digital pen without PC or the like. Thus, in the following description, it is assumed that the embodiments of the invention take the registration procedure using the digital pen shown in FIG. 3.

Please amend the paragraph that bridges page 19-21, as follows:

Then, a message that the sender wants to send to the recipient is filled in a correspondence column 504. The characters and figures written in this column are directly sent to the recipient. In the example of mail form shown in FIG. 5, option boxes 505 are also provided to select a picture on a post card, and a souvenir (from the offered list of souvenirs that the service company can acquire and deliver to the recipient) attached to the post card. In this example, it is assumed that an image of lakeside is selected as the picture and that a sea urchin is chosen as the souvenir. Finally, if it is confirmed that there is no error in the written contents, the sender signs his name in a signature block 506, and writes a check mark in a sending box 507 by the digital pen. The check mark written in the box triggers the transmission of the written mail-acceptance data to the mail system of the service company 902 (step 912 in FIG. 9). A mail acceptance process 913 is executed on the written data transferred within the mail system. If there is any defective entry data, the fact that there is any defective entry data is transmitted to the sender where the data is displayed and rewritten (steps 914~916). This mail acceptance process 913 will be further described in detail (FIG. 11). First in step 1101, the written stroke information is entered. The type of written form is identified from the coordinates (step 1102). Then, in a pen ID identification step 1103, the written pen-ID information is acquired. The ID of pen that the user registered (item 1402 in FIG. 14) is searched for according to that acquired pen ID (step 1104). If there is no registered pen ID, the mail is rejected (step 1105). If the written ID information coincides with the registered ID information, the signature 1405 written in the user information of the pen and the signature 506 written in the mail form are checked by the signature authentication part (1504 in FIG. 15) provided within the mail system. If it does not coincide with the registered signature, the mail is rejected (steps 1107~1108). Then, when ~~[[a]] recipient address recognition step 1109 is~~ steps 1109-1111 are executed, the address information of the recipient is acquired. In this example, since the address card is used, the user ID of the recipient is computed from the pattern printed on the address card, and the address information corresponding to the items 1403~1407 in FIG. 14 is extracted. In addition, each of contents (504~505) of mail form 500 is recognized and the selected results of the picture and attached pack are obtained (steps 1112~1114). In step 1115, the read results of the mail form are used to newly create usage history data, and the data is filled.

Then, the total bill is computed (step 1116), and the using points of transmission and reception are added to the sender and recipient, respectively (step 1117). After the execution of the above processes, the mail is accepted (step 1118).

Please amend the paragraph that bridges page 21-22, as follows:

If it is accepted, the sender admits the acceptance (steps 917~919). If the sender admits, the service company prints the mail (step 920), and delivers the mail (step 921), and the recipient 903 receives the mail (step 922).

Please amend page 22, fourth full paragraph, as follows:

On the rear face (FIG. 7) of the post card 700 are printed a picture 701 that is selected by option box 505 and a message 702 written in the correspondence column 504. Since the message written in sender's hand is printed as it is, "feeling of carrying the implication that the sender loves the recipient" can be transmitted which is the original merit of mail.